**Mr. President :** The question before the House is that the Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,500 under "33-Industries—Direction and Inspection—Travelling Allowance".

*Demand put and carried.*

## XXXVII—33.—Reserved Miscellaneous

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Minister for Revenue)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "33—Reserved—Miscellanceous". The object of this demand is given in the note.

**Mr. President :** The question is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 500 under "33—Reserved—Miscellaneous ".

*Demand put and carried.*

## 38. 41—Miscelleneous

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Minister for Revenue))*: I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 649 under '41-Miscellaneous—8-Rent Control Measures—Establishment". The note will explain the object of the demand.

**Mr. President :** There is a cut by Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Sir, I rise on a point of order that in these motions many of the cut motions now standing in the order paper are not in order and especially the one standing against this cut. I am not raising this question because there is any attempt to stifle discussion but any attempt to fritter away the time of the House should be avoided and that is why I raised this question. The cut motion has been tabled in order to raise a debate on certain aspects of Rent Control Measures. Such a general point cannot be raised when a demand for supplementary grant is made. That is a point of order I wish to make, and the matter is covered by a previous ruling by the President of this House and that ruling clearly lays down what ought to be the scope of a cut motion when a demand for supplementary grant is made. I may at this stage point out that going by the rules and standing orders there is not even a provision to move a cut motion when a supplementary demand is made. But then it has been the convention here to do it and the restricted scope under which that convention operates is laid down in the previous ruling which I referred to, whereby a cut motion may not be moved to elicit information. It has been laid down for example that a cut motion can raise only a financial question and the policy underlying that matter. Under these circumstances I would request the Chair and especially in view of the large agenda before the House to strictly apply the rules and conventions applicable to cut motions when demands for supplementary grants are made.

**Mr. President :** What is the previous ruling ?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* The previous ruling which I referred to is this, Sir. It was a ruling made again by Sir Shanmukham Chetty.

**Mr. President :** I should like to make an observation regarding the scope of supplementary grants.

I find on the order paper various cut motions. Take for instance, the very first cut motion—to impress upon the Government certain facts. And secondly, there is a motion to ascertain from the Government some information regarding the purchase of Rails, etc. If that were all the object of the Hon'ble Members, it is not necessary to put down the cut motion at all. After a supplementary demand is moved, it is open to any Hon'ble Member to get up and make his own observations on points arising out of a supplementary demand. Therefore, for the purpose of merely asking information from Government, Hon'ble Members need not take the trouble of tabling cut motions.

I wish to make another observation which I have to make in view of item 6 which stands in the name of Mr. Ibrahim who wants to discuss certain irregularities in the recent elections to the Legislative Council. A motion of that nature is entirely out of order on a supplementary demand.

I wish to read out to Hon'ble Members an important ruling that was given on the scope of supplementary demand in the Legislative Assembly.

" A token cut was proposed under a Supplementary Grant and objection being raised on the ground that general questions of policy could not be raised on a supplementary demand :

The President ruled: 'In view of a large number of cuts that have been put down on these Supplementary Grants,' I have taken some trouble to examine the question and I invite the attention of the House to a summary of the position as stated in May's 'Parliamentary Practice', page 536, which I will read to the House :

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